



## ***CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA***

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

### **1) Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following were present:

Chair Sydney Garton  
Vice Chair Jo Ellen Phillips  
Charles M. Hill  
James Watson

Absent:

Yvonne Shonberger

Also Present:

Deputy City Clerk, Elora R. Sakal  
Administrative Assistant, Juan D. Garcia

### **2) Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Board member Hill made the following changes:

Page 2; Paragraph 1 - Hills to Hill

Page 2; Paragraph 4 - "to instructed" to "it constructed"

Page 3; Paragraph 5 - Hills to Hill

**Board member Hill moved to approve the minutes as amended. Vice Chair Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

### **3) Old Business:**

#### **a. Reconsideration on Resubmission of the Designation of the General Geiger Memorial Monument**

Chair Garton commented that she had asked Board Secretary Sakal to forward a piece of information to the Board that she gathered from a pamphlet from the dedication ceremony that was held for the Roy S. Geiger Monument. The information was written by Grant Writer Carol Foster.

Board member Watson had a concern with the location of the air strip and Chair Garton replied that the pamphlet states the correct location of the air strip which is on the edge of the Everglades on the Miami River which is now South River Drive between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board member Hill commented that he was unsure of the spelling of a name on page 3; paragraph 3. Board Secretary Sakal commented that she will speak with Grant Writer Carol Foster to clarify the spelling of the name.

Chair Garton stated that on page 3; paragraph 2 the spelling of Jennys was incorrect. Board Secretary Sakal replied that she will make the correction in the report.

Chair Garton said that the last paragraph of information in the pamphlet gave comprehensive information that was not in the report.

**Vice Chair Phillips moved to add the last paragraph of the pamphlet to the significance of site in the designation report. Board member Watson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

**b. Designation of the Michael House – 27 Hunting Lodge Drive**

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

**4) New Business:**

**a. Revision of Designation Letter to Property Owners**

Discussion ensued regarding softening of the designation letter that is mailed out to property owners of historical properties.

**Board member Hill made a motion to get approval from the City Council to amend the designation letter that is sent to property owners to advise them that their home is being designated as a historical site. Vice Chair Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

Chair Garton feels that the closure of the designation letter should be changed to state that it is coming from the Historical Preservation Board, instead of the City Clerk's Office.

Board Member Hill drafted and provided the board with an introductory letter for the property owners to advise them that their property has been placed under consideration for designation as a local historical site (attached). He would like to recommend the letter to the City Council for their approval in order to move forward in revising the designation letter.

**Vice Chair Phillips made a motion to seek approval from the City Council to include the introductory letter provided by Board member Hill as part of the designation letter process. Board member Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote**

Chair Garton provided the Board with a letter that was drafted by the City Attorney in the past that explained the proposed commencement of the designation process for a property owner (attached).

#### **b. Curtiss Mansion Report**

Vice Chair Phillips informed the board that the new website for the Curtiss Mansion is up, [curtissmansion.com](http://curtissmansion.com), and has created a significant impact. General Motors is scheduled to have a photo shoot at the mansion on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, a photographer from Paris was interested in reserving the mansion for three days for a photo shoot with three artists that are coming for Art Basil. The photographer mentioned that the website had attracted him.

Vice Chair Phillips advised the board that the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board is having issues with developers in regards to historical designations. The county appointed a panel to reeducate the county commission on historic preservation benefits. The Chair of the panel asked Vice Chair Phillips for any information the City of Miami Springs has in regards to historically designating homes and the impacts it has on the properties. Through this, the Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board will be able to contribute to the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board.

Vice Chair Phillips mentioned that the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board has a list included in their Charter of all of the historically County designated properties in Miami-Dade County. She commented that they are going to visit the 10 municipalities that do their own designations in Miami-Dade County to get each municipality's list of designated properties and combine it to form one list of all the historically designated properties in Miami-Dade County.

Vice Chair Phillips stated that the two County attorneys lectured the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board on the roles of the Board, the Sunshine Law, and the Public Records Law. She felt that it was a very informative lecture and will share it with the Board since it relates to their Board.

#### **c. Reports from Board members**

Board member Watson mentioned that the Tour of Homes event is coming up on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be sold at the Farmers Market.

#### **d. Information/Reports from Board Liaison**

The Board Liaison was not present.

#### **5) Preparation of the Agenda for the Next Board Meeting:**

The following items are to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of November 18<sup>th</sup>:

- Designation for the Michael House – 27 Hunting Lodge Drive

**6) Adjourn**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Elora R. Sakal  
Board Secretary

Transcription assistance provided by Juan D. Garcia

Adopted by the Board on  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Sydney Garton, Chair

Words ~~-stricken through-~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes.  
All other words remain unchanged.

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